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1. SUMMARY: ECKERBERG (SWEDEN) DEFENDED CONCEPT OF
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AMPLIFIED VERIFICATION OF PROHIBITION ON CHEMICAL WEAPONS

(CW) AGAINST CRITICAL ANALYSIS MADE BY US; HE COMMENTED ON SEVERAL VERIFICATION ASPECTS OF TEN NON-ALIGNED-NATION MEMORANDUM; AND HE DISCUSSED IN GENERAL TERMS TECHNOLOGY OF BINARY CHEMICAL WEAPONS, CALLING FOR OPEN DEBATE ON IMPLICATIONS OF BINARY TECHNIQUE FOR BAN ON PRODUCTION AND STOCKPILING CW. US AND USSR WERE ASKED IF BINARY TECHNIQUE DEVELOPMENTS TAKING PLACE IN EACH COUNTRY. SWEDISH DEL AGAIN APPEALED TO US TO PRESENT CONCRETE PROPOSAL FOR CW PROHIBITION COMMITTEE AGREED ADJOURN AUGUST 30. END SUMMARY:

2. ECKERBERG, IN THREE-PART INTERVENTION ON CW, FIRST REPLIED TO CRITICAL ANALYSIS OF SWEDISH WORKING PAPER ON AMPLIFIED VERIFICATION OF CW BAN, MADE EARLIER BY US DEL. TO US CONTENTION THAT DISTINCTION BETWEEN REASSURANCE AND DETERRENCE NOT A VALID ONE, ECKERBERG MAINTAINED THAT PARTY ENTERING INTO AGREEMENT, ALTHOUGH ACCEPTING LESS THAN 100 PERCENT EFFECTIVENESS FOR VERIFICATION SYSTEM, WOULD IN FIRST INSTANCE BE REASSURED THAT VIOLATIONS OF OTHER PARTIES COULD BE DETECTED. HE SAID WHETHER ACCEPTED LEVEL OF EFFICIENCY WOULD DETER ANY PARTY FROM VIOLATING IS DIFFERENT QUESTION. IN ANSWER TO CHARGE THAT NO STATISTICAL DATA EXIST FOR ASSIGNING FIXED PROBABILITY TO VARIOUS VERIFICATION METHODS, HE EXPLAINED THAT PROBABILITIES WERE TO BE APPLIED TOWARDS DETECTING DEVIATIONS FROM STATISTICALLY ASSESSABLE PEACEFUL ACTIVITIES RATHER THAN TOWARDS VIOLATIONS OF BAN. HE REPEATED SUGGESTION FOR PRE-TREATY MONITORING WHICH HE BELIEVED COULD SERVE AS IMPETUS FOR EMERGENCE OF TREATY. IN THIS CONNECTION, HE PRAISED DR. IKLE'S POINT MADE IN THE CCD THAT GREATER OPENNESS MAKES VERIFICATION EASIER. IN TURNING ASIDE US ILLUSTRATION OF VIOLATION INVOLVING ONLY ONE ACTIVITY (RETENTION OF STOCKPILE), HE SAID EXAMPLE CONSTITUTED "WORST-CASE ARGUMENT", AND IN ANY EVENT DID NOT RENDER CONCEPT INVALID SINCE SEVERAL CONTROL METHODS COULD BE APPLIED TO THE SINGLE ACTIVITY. HE REPEATED SWEDISH VIEW THAT POST-TREATY SITUATION, EVEN WITH PROBLEMS, WOULD BE MORE DESIRABLE THAN PRESENT SITUATION.

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3. RE US DESIRE FOR HIGHLY EFFECTIVE VERIFICATION, HE SAID IT WAS NOT POSSIBLE TO APPRAISE VERIFICATION METHODS UNLESS DISCUSSING CONCRETE PROPOSALS. AS TO POLISH FEAR OF INTRUSIVE VERIFICATION HE SAID EFFECTIVENESS OR ACCEPTABILITY OF ON-SITES, FOR EXAMPLE, COULD NOT BE JUDGED UNTIL IT IS KNOWN WHAT ACTIVITIES WOULD TAKE PLACE DURING SUCH INSPECTIONS. ON QUESTION RAISED BY US AS TO WHAT TEN DELEGATION MEMORANDUM MEANT WHEN IT SAID DESTRUCTION OF

STOCKPILES WOULD BE "NON-RECURRENT MEASURE," HE EXPRESSED SWEDISH DEL'S VIEW THAT INTERNATIONAL VERIFICATION PROCESS SHOULD COVER WHOLE PHASE OF DESTRUCTION OF STOCKS UNTIL AGREED PROVISIONS ARE FULFILLED. HE ASSERTED THAT THE SOV DEL'S OBJECTIONS TO INTERNATIONAL INSPECTIONS, WHICH SEEMED TO INVOLVE FEAR OF DISCLOSURE OF INDUSTRIAL SECRETS, COULD NOT BE INTERPRETED TO APPLY TO INSPECTION OF DESTRUCTION OF STOCKS. HE REPEATED VIEW THAT INTERNATIONAL CONTROL ORGAN IS NECESSARY, AND NOTED THERE IS CONSENSUS FOR INTERNATIONAL CONSULTATIONS AMONG EXPERTS, SUGGESTING TIME IS RPIE FOR CONCRETE DECISION ON PROCEDURES.

4. TURNING TO BINARY CHEMICAL WEAPONS, ECKERBERG DISCUSSED TECHNOLOGY IN GENERAL TERMS. HE SAID FACT THAT SUCH WEAPONS CAN BE PRODUCED MEANS SPECIAL FORMULATIONS WILL BE NEEDED IN A CW TREATY TO COVER THEIR DEVELOPMENT, TESTING, PRODUCTION, STOCKPILING, AND TRAINING FOR THEIR USE. IF BINARIES NOT SUBJECT TO ADEQUATE MEASURES, THERE MIGHT BE NO VIOLATION OF PRODUCTION BAN UNTIL THERE WAS ALSO VIOLATION OF 1925 GENEVA PROTOCOL'S BAN ON USE. HE NOTED THAT RELATIVELY SHORT TIME REQUIRED FOR PRODUCTION OF BINARY COMPONENTS ONCE DEVELOPMENT PHASE ACCOMPLISHED. HE EXPRESSED

OPINION THAT BINARY PRODUCTION TECHNIQUE MAKES IT EVEN MORE NECESSARY TO BASE PRODUCTION BAN ON A PURPOSE CRITERION. IN SUCH A CASE, CONCEPT OF SINGLE AND DUAL PURPOSE AGENTS WOULD BE RELEVANT ONLY WITH RESPECT TO VERIFICATION AND COULD BE ABANDONED IN DETERMINING SCOPE OF TREATY. NOTING THAT SOME PARTIES MAY ALREADY HAVE ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY, HE EMPHASIZED IMPORTANCE OF KNOWLEDGE OF TROOP TRAINING, AND UTILITY OF PRODUCTION AND STOCK DATA, IN VERIFICATION PROCESS. HE SAID THAT EXISTENCE OF BINARY TECHNIQUE NECESSITATES PROHIBITION OF ALL EQUIPMENT AND MEANS OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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DELIVERY FOR ALL CHEMICAL WEAPONS.

5. ECKERBERG SAID HIS DEL UNDERSTANDS THAT PREPARATIONS ARE UNDERWAY TO ACQUIRE BINARY CHEMICAL WEAPONS TECHNIQUE, AND ASKED US AND SOVIET DELS IF SUCH DEVELOPMENTS ARE TAKING PLACE IN THEIR COUNTRIES. HE CALLED FOR OPEN DEBATE ON BINARIES AND ADVISED THAT SWEDISH DEL WOULD RETURN TO SUBJECT AT LATER DATE. HE ADDED SUCH DEBATE WOULD MOST PROFITABLY BE HELD AGAINST "BACKGROUND OF REAL NEGOTIATING SITUATION," AND AGAIN APPEALED TO US TO PRESENT CONCRETE PROPOSAL FOR A CW BAN.

6. CHAIRMAN (NAIK, PAKISTAN) ANNOUNCED THAT AFTER CONSULTATIONS, CO-CHAIRMAN HAD SUGGESTED AUGUST 30

AS ADJOURNMENT DATE. COMMITTEE AGREED TO THIS DATE.

7. NEXT PLENARY MEETING TUESDAY, AUG 21, 1973.

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